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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH CHINESE AT SPECIAL SESSION ON

DISARMAMENT (SSOD)

1. ON JUNE 20, AMBASSADORS FISHER AND WEILER MET WITH
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (PRC) AMBASSADOR LING CHING
FOR INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS RE SSOD.

2. WHEN ASKED IF PRC WOULD OBJECT OR OTHERWISE GO AGAINST
CONSENSUS OF REVISED CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON
DISARMAMENT (CCD) COMPOSITION, LING CHING RESPONDED BY
POINTING TO PRC PROPOSALS OUTLINED IN THEIR WORKING PAPER
AND FONMIN HUANG HUA'S ADDRESS DURING SSOD GENERAL DEBATE.
LING CHING STRESSED PRC VIEW THAT PRESENT REPRESENTATION
ON CCD IS NOT BASED ON EQUAL AND REASONABLE BASIS. HE
THEN POINTED TO CURRENT DISPROPORTIONATE SOVIET AND EASTERN
EUROPEAN REPRESENTATION AND ADDED HE HAD HEARD OF THE
POSSIBLE FUTURE INCLUSION OF CUBA ON CCD.

3. LING CHING COMPLAINED THAT THE ONE HUNDRED OR SO NON-
ALIGNED COUNTRIES AND EVEN WESTERN COUNTRIES ARE NOT FULLY
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REPRESENTED ON CCD--THEN REITERATED POINT OF EQUAL AND
REASONABLE REPRESENTATION. LING CHING ADDED AT THIS POINT
THAT HE DID NOT KNOW HOW WELL THE PRC PROPOSAL WOULD BE
RECEIVED. HE STATED THAT PRC HAS NO CONCRETE SUGGESTIONS
AS TO WHAT COUNTRIES SHOULD BE REPRESENTED ON CCD AND THAT
THIS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED.

4. FISHER RESPONDED TO PRC COMPLAINT OF IMBALANCE BY STRESSING THAT LACK OF BALANCE COULD BE RIGHTED TO A DEGREE BY INCREASED CHINESE PARTICIPATION. HE SAID THAT REPRESENTATION BY VOTE IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS WHO CASTS THE VOTE, ALLUDING TO INFLUENCE OF VOTES CAST BY MAJOR POWERS--IMPLYING AND AGAIN ENCOURAGING INCREASED PRC PARTICIPATION. LING CHING RESPONDED THAT PRC WOULD HAVE TO SEE FINAL TEXT OF SSOD THEN DISCUSS FUTURE CHINESE ROLE.

5. COMMENT: THE MEETING, PRECIPITATED BY US ON NEUTRAL TURF (AT CHINESE LOUNGE IN UN) WAS SEEMINGLY WELL RECEIVED BY CHINESE, PERHAPS NOT SO MUCH FOR SUBSTANCE, BUT FOR FACT WE TOOK INITIATIVE TO MEET WITH THEM. LING CHING WAS PERSONABLE AND FRIENDLY THROUGHOUT THIS FIRST MEETING, WHICH WAS DEVOID OF HARSH RHETORIC--EVEN WHEN MAKING REFERENCES TO SOVIETS AND CUBANS. FISHER PROPOSED FUTURE INFORMAL MEETINGS FROM TIME TO TIME. LING CHING SAID HE WELCOMED THE POSSIBILITY AND LOOKED FORWARD TO SUCH EXCHANGES.

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